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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995	Application Number	09/405,499
	Filing Date	September 23, 1999
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	Group Art Unit	1642
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	Attorney Docket Number	05213-0640 (43170-219680)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Extension of Time iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>RECEIVED</b> # 26 10 3-26 <sup>03</sup> FEB 24 2003 TECH CENTER 1600/2900
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks are enclosed for the following fees: i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$375 - RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE. ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$55 - Extension of Time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855	

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